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SUBJECT: SHEPARD-MUDD LETTER - PROTOCOL TREATMENT OF CP LEADERS

1. MISSION CHIEFS ARE NOT ASKED TO APPEAR AT AIRPORT TO GREET HSWP FIRST SECRETARY KADAR OR OTHER HIGH-RANKING HUNGARIAN PARTY LEADERS WHEN THEY TRAVEL EITHER ON PARTY/STATE BUSINESS OR ON PURELY PARTY MATTERS.

2. MISSION CHIEFS WERE ASKED TO APPEAR EN MASSE IN NOVEMBER 1972 WHEN BREZHNEV HEADED "STATE AND PARTY" DELEGATION TO HUNGARY AND AGAIN LAST DECEMBER WHEN TODOR ZHIVKOV MADE SIMILAR VISIT. ON OTHER HAND NO REQUEST MADE TO MISSION CHIEFS TO APPEAR WHEN TITO PAID OFFICIAL PARTY AND GOVERNMENT VISIT TO BUDAPEST AT END OF APRIL. ALSO AMBASSADOR AND OTHER CHIEFS OF MISSION REQUESTED TO APPEAR AT AIRPORT WHEN PRG DELEGATION HEADED BY NLF CC CHAIRMAN NGUYEN HUU THO AND INCLUDING FONMIN NGUYEN THI BINH VISITED BUDAPEST DECEMBER 10-14. AMBASSADOR DID NOT GO TO AIRPORT OR TO RECEPTION BUT MOST NATO CHIEFS OF MISSION DID.

3. AS FAR AS WE ARE ABLE TO DETERMINE IT IS GOH POLICY TO ASK CHIEFS OF MISSION TO APPEAR AT AIRPORT WHEN VISIT IS BILLED AS STATE AND PARTY VISIT. THIS HOLDS TRUE WHETHER, AS IN CASE OF ZHIVKOV, INDIVIDUAL IS BOTH HEAD OF PARTY AND CHIEF OF STATE, OR, AS IN CASE OF BREZHNEV, PARTY LEADER

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VICE PREMIER, FONMIN). WE HAVE NO EXPLANATION FOR GOH HANDLING OF TITO VISIT BUT ASSUME IT WAS AT YUGOSLAV REQUEST.

3. NORMALLY, ALL MISSION CHIEFS TURN UP WHEN REQUESTED. LOCAL NATO MISSIONS HAVE NO PRIOR AGREEMENT ON PROTOCOL TREATMENT OF PARTY LEADERS, ALTHOUGH INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OFTEN TAKE PLACE.

4. AS FAR AS WE ARE AWARE NO NATO MISSION HAS EXTENDED AIRPORT COURTESIES TO TOP CP LEADERS WHEN NOT REQUESTED TO DO SO BY MFA.  
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